

# IN RECOGNITION OF THE LEMOORE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

## HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the Lemoore Volunteer Fire Department. The Lemoore Volunteer Fire Department is celebrating their 100th anniversary of service to the Central Valley community of Lemoore. Over the last one hundred years, this fire department has consisted of entirely community volunteers. The dedication, commitment, and service of these citizens have kept the community safe and informed.

In service to the Lemoore community, fire department members contribute hundreds of volunteer hours in service, training, and community involvement. They participate in the annual Lemoore Christmas Tree display, educational school presentations, and various community celebrations. In addition, the Lemoore Volunteer Fire Department has maintained their commitment to service throughout the COVID-19 pandemic in risk of their own health and safety.

The Lemoore Volunteer Fire Department members have worked hard to uphold the numerous traditions and sense of camaraderie that set the department apart. These continued traditions work to promote unity and loyalty throughout the Lemoore community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Lemoore Volunteer Fire Department on their 100th anniversary.

# HONORING THE LIFE & SERVICE OF GEORGE EDWARD HAIRSTON

## HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the life and service of Mr. George Edward Hairston.

George E. Hairston was born and raised in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on February 11, 1942. He passed away on March 8, 2021, at the age of seventy-nine. He was buried with military honors next to his beloved brother Richard Hairston. After graduating high school, George graduated from Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, and went on to attend Columbia University in New York City, NY receiving his master's degree in Social Work.

George served in the United States military during the Vietnam War where he was assigned to a medical unit in Korea helping those who were wounded in combat. After his honorable discharge, George attended, and graduated, from New York University School of Law. While attending law school, he worked as a legal intern at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational fund. Afterwards, Mr. Hairston was employed by the NAACP as an Assistant General Counsel.

After leaving the NAACP, he entered private practice as a independent practitioner in New York City where he maintained a distinguished

national civil rights litigation and criminal defense practice.

After living out and accomplishing his goal to be a renowned attorney fighting racial injustice, Mr. Hairston went home to Chattanooga where he lived out the rest of his life until his demise. Due to his salient role and efforts in addressing racial injustice, Mr. Hairston addressed the 97th Congress at hearings held by the Subcommittee on the Judiciary of the United States House of Representative. His expertise helped Congress address racially motivated violence and systemic racism.

Mr. Hairston labored decades to make our nation more inclusive and fought for those in need of justice.

Madam Speaker, I would like to acknowledge Mr. George E. Hairston for his honorable lifetime endeavors.

# IN MEMORY OF SHARON SILZEL

## HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, my heart is heavy as I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend, Sharon Silzel, who passed away on December 17, 2020 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. My prayers are with Sharon's family as we mourn her passing.

Sharon spent her first 30 years in Spokane, Washington as a dental and orthopedic assistant before answering her true calling—politics. In 1994, she hopped on the campaign trail, helping to elect George Nethercutt to the very seat in Congress that I have the honor of representing today. She was a force as a volunteer on my first campaign for Congress and remained a supporter and friend through the years.

In every sense of the word, Sharon was a trailblazer. After marrying her soulmate Jack in 2001, Sharon moved to Washington, D.C. where she served in the White House screening student correspondence for President George W. Bush.

Upon returning to Eastern Washington, Sharon kept her passion for politics alive as a member of Ponderosa Republican Women where she continued to champion the values that make our nation the greatest in the world.

Her love for politics never stopped Sharon from fully immersing herself in the Spokane County community. She was well-known by her neighbors as a faithful member of St. Anthony Catholic Church and proud supporter of Trinity Elementary School.

I knew Sharon to be a faithful follower of the Lord, and her light touched the lives of so many from Spokane to Washington, D.C. and everyone she met in between. Each and every one of us who had the privilege of knowing Sharon in this life are better because of it, and I thank God for giving me the blessing of calling her my friend.

Madam Speaker, Sharon Silzel lived an amazing life that deserves to be celebrated. In honor of her legacy, passion, and contributions that inspired so many, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Sharon Silzel. May God grant her eternal peace in His kingdom.

# COST ESTIMATE FOR H.R. 3138, THE STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT

## HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office for H.R. 3138, the State and Local Cybersecurity Improvement Act. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the Committee report filing.

U.S. CONGRESS,  
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,  
Washington, DC, June 8, 2021.

Hon. BENNIE G. THOMPSON,  
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 3138, the State and Local Cybersecurity Improvement Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Aldo Prosperi.

Sincerely,

PHILLIP L. SWAGEL,  
Director.

Enclosure.

H.R. 3138, STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY  
IMPROVEMENT ACT—JUNE 1, 2021

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars—		
	2021	2021–2026	2021–2031
Direct Spending (Outlays) .....	0	0	0
Revenues .....	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (–) in the Deficit .....	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays) .....	*	1,087	**

\* = between zero and \$500,000.

\*\* = not estimated.

Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No.

Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032? No.

Mandate Effects:

Contains intergovernmental mandate? No.

Contains private-sector mandate? No.

H.R. 3138 would establish a cybersecurity grant program in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). State and local governments would use the grants to address cybersecurity threats and risks to their information systems. The bill also would establish a process for assessing grant applications, reviewing cybersecurity plans, and monitoring the performance of grant recipients. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3138 would cost about \$1.1 billion over the 2021–2026 period (detailed in Table 1). Such spending would be subject to the appropriations of the specified and estimated amounts.

H.R. 3138 would authorize appropriations of \$500 million annually over the 2022–2026 period and such sums as may be necessary for subsequent years. Those amounts would be distributed as grants to state, local, and tribal governments. Using historical spendout rates for similar grant programs, CBO estimates that providing those grants would cost \$1.1 billion over that period.

CBO estimates that reviewing grant applications and cybersecurity plans, disbursing grants, communicating with state and local governments, and completing other oversight and administrative functions required

by the bill would cost \$17 million over the 2021–2026 period. That estimate is based on a comparison with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's costs to manage the State and Local Preparedness Grant Program. That agency spends approximately \$25 million (or 0.8 percent of total program funding) per year to manage \$3 billion grants. Using that rate as a basis, CBO estimates

that administering the cybersecurity grant program authorized under H.R. 3138 would cost \$4 million each year and total \$17 million over the 2021–2026, after accounting for the time to establish the program.

The bill also would establish an independent committee to provide recommendations and guidance on the operation of the grant program. Using information from DHS

about the costs of similar committees, CBO estimates that staff salaries, travel expenses, and facilities would cost \$1 million annually and total \$5 million over the 2021–2026 period.

For the estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted in fiscal year 2021. Under the assumption, DHS could incur some costs in 2021, but CBO expects that most of the costs would be incurred in 2022 and later.

TABLE 1.—ESTIMATED INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION UNDER H.R. 3138

	By fiscal year, millions of dollars—						
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2021–2026
Cybersecurity Grants:							
Authorization .....	0	500	500	500	500	500	2,500
Estimated Outlays .....	0	15	105	205	320	420	1,065
Administrative Costs:							
Estimated Authorization .....	*	2	3	4	4	4	17
Estimated Outlays .....	*	2	3	4	4	4	17
Advisory Committee:							
Estimated Authorization .....	*	1	1	1	1	1	5
Estimated Outlays .....	*	1	1	1	1	1	5
Total Changes:							
Estimated Authorization .....	*	503	504	505	505	505	2,522
Estimated Outlays .....	*	18	109	210	325	425	1,087

\* = between zero and \$500,000.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Aldo Prosperi. The estimate was reviewed by Leo Lex, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

#### IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF TROY DAVIS

#### HON. BLAKE D. MOORE

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Police Corporal Troy C. Davis, a true servant of the community who passed away suddenly and tragically on July 12, 2021.

Born August 15, 1970, Troy lived a life defined by service to his community and his family. Corporal Davis served for over two decades as a member of the Vernal City Police Department with the utmost care. Through his actions, he demonstrated that our law enforcement truly cares for members of our communities.

Corporal Davis took on a unique role by serving the younger generation. The Vernal City Police Department partnered with the Uintah School District to establish a School Resource Officer position to keep local schools safe. As the School Resource Officer at both Vernal Middle School and Uintah Middle School, Corporal Davis's work ensured that the students of Vernal had a safe learning environment. All who knew Corporal Davis knew of his genuine care for the students he protected and served. His passing leaves a tremendous void in the community.

On July 16 and 17, Vernal came together to honor the life and service of Corporal Davis. With his police vehicle parked at the Uintah Conference Center for tribute, members of the community left signs, notes, cards, and flowers to honor his life and his decades of service. His funeral was held on Saturday, and it provided all those who knew him an opportunity to celebrate his life of selfless service.

Corporal Davis was a lifelong member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In addition to his service as a member

of the Vernal City Police Department, Corporal Davis served an LDS mission in Sydney, Australia. He was defined by his faithful service to his church and community.

Corporal Davis is survived by his wife, Mariel (Goodrich) Davis; his children, Hayden Troy (Erin) Davis, Aliya Madeline Rich, Breanna Marie (Caden) Nerdin, Ashlen Layne Davis, Randon Bryan Davis, and Taegan Troy Davis; and his grandchildren, Kayson Troy Davis and Noah Scott Davis. I join the Davis family and the entire community in mourning his loss.

#### CONGRATULATING SEYMOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ON FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE

#### HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department in Sevier County in the First Congressional District in Tennessee which recently celebrated fifty years of protecting and serving their community. Fire protection in our great Nation began as an all-volunteer service and in Seymour that rich tradition of volunteer service continues today.

In 1971, Seymour was a small community comprised of family farms and some small businesses. The owners of those businesses made the wise decision to establish fire protection for their homes and businesses as there was no such service in the thirty mile stretch between Knoxville and Sevierville. And thus, with the purchase of a new Boardman Class A fire engine, the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department was born. In that first year, twelve firefighters responded to 24 calls for service and their engine was stored outside in a vacant lot at the corner of Chapman Highway and Old Sevierville Pike.

Over the last fifty years, as the community of Seymour has grown and gone from zero stoplights to eight and those family farms have developed into subdivisions, the Seymour Vol-

unteer Fire Department has also grown to serve over 40,000 people, 400 businesses, 70 churches, 2 private schools, 8 public schools and Johnson University. The Fire District is spread across three Tennessee counties: Blount, Knox, and Sevier, covering a response area of almost 120 square miles. The Department now has six stations, 26 pieces of equipment and over 60 volunteers that continue to answer the call of duty. With all these changes, the original fire truck remains and serves as a reminder of the many volunteers who have responded to the call of duty over these last five decades.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Seymour Volunteer Fire Department on fifty years of service. I am proud to represent these volunteers and the communities they serve.

#### RECOGNIZING DAYANARA RAMIREZ FOR HER PUBLIC SERVICE IN CONGRESS

#### HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 19, 2021

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a member of my staff, Dayanara Ramirez, who dutifully served for three years in my office as Communications Director. Dayanara is leaving Congress—for now—to join the Biden Administration after an incredibly successful 5-year tenure in the House of Representatives.

Dayanara first joined Team Takano in July 2018 and quickly became integral to my office's role as a progressive voice in Congress. Her tenure could be defined by her ferocious defense of equality and progressive values, and her energy helped foster a creative and industrious environment on her team. Dayanara worked diligently to expand our communications team and grow our social media footprint across every major platform into what it is today.

In addition to her official duties in Congress, Dayanara made it a point to contribute to the